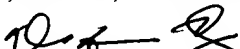


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows: